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SUBJECT: SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION: AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S
STATEMENT IN PLENARY

1. QUOTED BELOW IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR
MOYNIHAN AT THE CLOSING PLENARY SESSION OF THE SEVENTH
SPECIAL SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1975.

QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, ON BEHALF OF
THE UNITED STATES, WHICH STYLES ITSELF NON-SOCIALIST, I
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THESE BRIEF REMARKS.

THE FRENCH TERM FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS "SESSION EXTRAORDINAIRE." TAKEN MOST
DIRECTLY INTO ENGLISH, THIS READS "EXTRAORDINARY SESSION,"
AND I CANNOT BUT FEEL THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE NATIONS
WHICH HAVE NOW UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THIS RESOLUTION HAVE ALSO
CONCLUDED THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION HAS INDEED BEEN AN EXTRA-
ORDINARY ONE.

PERHAPS NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
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HAS THERE BEEN SO INTENSIVE AND SO GENUINE A NEGOTIATION BETWEEN

SO MANY NATIONS ON SO PROFOUNDLY IMPORTANT A RANGE OF ISSUES.
WE HAVE SHOWN THAT WE CAN NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH AND DOING
SO, REACH GENUINE ACCORD. NOT LEAST WE HAVE SHOWN THAT THIS
CAN BE DONE IN THE UNIQUE AND INDISPENSABLE SETTING
OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

MR. PRESIDENT, THIS SYSTEM WORKS.

AT THE OUTSET OF THIS SPECIAL SESSION THE UNITED STATES
ASSERTED THAT WE ASSEMBLED HERE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE
THE CONDITION OF MANKIND. WE MAY WELL HAVE DONE SO. RATHER
IT MAY WELL TURN OUT THAT WE HAVE DONE SO, FOR THE TASK
IS YET AHEAD OF US. WE ARE, HOWEVER, UNMISTAKABLY BEGUN.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. UNQUOTE
MOYNIHAN

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